

# Answer Militia Threat By General Strike! Pedro Rank And File Committee Takes Control Communist Ticket Filed In Many Counties

## Entire State Ticket On; Over 50 Already Reported Filed

### San Francisco To Have Victory Banquet On June 30; Funds Are Needed for A Big Election Campaign

SAN FRANCISCO, June 26.—Scores of Communist candidates have already filed, as reports continue coming in from counties in California. This already includes the entire state ticket and candidates for the legislature from most of the important districts in the state.

Among the candidates are a large number of Negro workers, Spanish, and other representatives of the most oppressed workers in the state, who will be on the ballot for the first time in California's history.

The Campaign Committee points out that the filing of the candidates is met with the most vicious anti-red drive the state ever saw, and can be answered only by mass election campaign. The first job is the printing of hundreds of thousands of platforms. For this a fund is immediately needed, and could be raised at celebrations. In San Francisco such a celebration will be at the VICTORY BANQUET, on June 30 at 1223 Fillmore Street, 8 P. M.

The following is a partial list of candidates reported filed:

For Governor.....SAM DARCY  
U. S. Senator.....JOHN E. WILLIAMS (PAT CHAMBERS)  
Lieutenant Governor.....PETTIS PERRY  
Secretary of State.....HAROLD ASHE  
Controller.....ANITA WHITNEY  
Treasurer.....ARSHIE BROWN  
State Board of Equalization, 2nd District.....PETE GARCIA  
Associate Justice Supreme Court No. 1.....LEO GALLAGHER

SAN FRANCISCO

Congress, 4th District—MINNIE CARSON

Congressman, 5th District—ALEXANDER NORAL

State Senator, 14th District—JACK OLSON

Assemblyman, 20th District—CARMELO BONACORSO

Assemblyman, 21st District—GUSTAV DAHLIN

Assemblyman, 22nd District—KARL HAMA

Assemblyman, 23rd District—EDWARD HARRIS

Assemblyman, 24th District—LEO LARAMEE

Assemblyman, 26th District—LEN GREER

LOS ANGELES

Congressman, 14th District—LAURENCE ROSS

Congressman, 13th District—JOSEPH GRAHAM

Congressman, 18th District—CLYDE CHAMPION

Supervisor, 1st District—HAROLD HENDRICKS

Supervisor, 2nd District—DOBBS

Assemblyman, 44th District—RUELAS

Assemblyman, 46th District—FRANK MARTIN

Assemblyman, 51st District—MOISA

Assemblyman, 52nd District—TORCHINSKY

Assemblyman, 61st District—OSBORNE

Assemblyman, 67th District—JOHN LEACH

Assemblyman, 69th District—TOM PATTERSON

Assemblyman, 70th District—FRANK KANE

Assemblyman, 71st District—MRS. ALLISON

OAKLAND

State Senator, 16th District—RUDOLPH C. LAMBERT

Sheriff—MILES G. HUMPHRIES

Supervisor, 3rd District—MATT HERZOG

Supervisor, 2nd District—ELWOOD JAMES

Assemblyman, 13th District—HINARO BEGA

Assemblyman, 14th District—RONALD COOLEY

Assemblyman, 16th District—LEON VANNIER

Assemblyman, 17th District—TURNER WILSON

Supervisor of Schools—MEYER LESON

Free Him!



## Challenge To Debate Sent Mayor Rossi

SAN FRANCISCO, June 25.—Mayor Rossi has given personal leadership in gathering all the forces he can to aid the American Legion in its drive against Communists scheduled for this week. Thus far the drive has been in the form of wide publicity to the business people and politicians taking leadership.

While the reason for the drive is given as the growing influence of the Communist teachings in schools, it is a matter of common knowledge that it is part of the same concentrated attempt including the state government, the S. F. Labor Council and the Chamber of Commerce to break the waterfront strike.

Homer L. Chailloux, State Commander of the American Legion, arriving in San Francisco, immediately announced his program which includes: that foreign born workers be placed at not more than 5% on any project, and none on Federal projects; every foreign born "radical" be deported immediately; that all citizens in the U. S. be registered, fingerprinted and carry identification card with picture; immediate deportation of every foreign worker the minute he goes on relief.

The drive of the Legion is arousing a tremendous indignation, especially among those who are strikers.

The Communist Party will answer this drive with a distribution of at least a quarter million manifestos issued by the recent Communist Party convention, and tells in a popular manner who the Communists are. These leaflets can be ordered through the Western Worker.

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sued the following challenge and sent to Mayor Rossi:

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Sir:

Both the newspapers of June 21 and this morning's press report the preparations of a drive

against Communism in San Francisco. You state the main object is to expose the falsity of Communism.

Since you appear to be so confident of the falsity, you should be willing to put your beliefs before a public gathering, letting the citizens of San Francisco judge the question. We therefore challenge either yourself, Mr. Malatesta, or any other American Legion spokesman to meet a representative of the Com-

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## Wave Against Nazi Terror As Trial Of Thaelmann Is Near

### DIMITROFF APPEALS TO THE WORLD'S WORKING CLASS TO SAVE LEADER

NEW YORK, June 24.—The fight to save Ernst Thaelmann is at the same time a fight to save thousands of other political prisoners in Germany. To save Thaelmann is a matter of honor for the international working class and the duty of every honest thinking person." Thus George Dimitroff, who was saved from death at the hands of a Nazi court in the Reichstag arson frame-up by the international mass protest of the working class has appealed in a message to the National Committee for the Defense of Political Prisoners.

With the sharpening break in the ranks of the Hitler government, the economic and financial crisis now growing and the spreading upsurge among the working class of Germany, the Nazi government is preparing a new wave of terror and the trial of Thaelmann, heroic leader of the German Communist Party, is set to be one of the first "trials" heard by the "People's Courts" beginning July 2nd. Thaelmann faces a death sentence on framed charges of treason, backed by "evidence" already exposed as having been forged. In every American city the fight for his freedom is going forward.

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## 500 Strikers Beat

### Tacoma Bosses In Try To Use Scabs

PICKETS TURN BACK TRUCKS  
WITH WEAPONS, BEDS AND  
FOOD FOR STRIKEBREAKERS

TACOMA, Wash., June 21.—The first attempt of local shippers and business men to break the longshore strike here failed miserably yesterday morning.

A gang of about fifty men, said to be deputized guards from Seattle and King County attempted to set up barricades at the Milwaukee dock for the loading of a ship.

The men arrived according to a plan arranged by the bosses' "Citizens' Emergency Committee," about 4 a. m., at the bus station and getting into private cars, drove to the Milwaukee dock.

About 500 longshoremen were quickly mobilized, surrounded them at the dock and persuaded them to go home. About that time the police came, but seeing so many longshoremen, also decided it would be better for the scabs to go home.

The "Citizens' Emergency Committee" had also pre-arranged to bring down bedding, mattresses and food in trucks heavily laden with all kinds of weapons. The longshoremen found out where the trucks were and stopped all but two of them. These two they got at the dock and turned back. The show of grenades, tear gas and clubs has only heightened the militancy of the strikers, who are now calling on the seamen to help build mass picket lines.

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## West Coast Cities Prepare Fight On

### War On Fascism

UNITED FRONTS OF WORKERS  
ORGANIZATIONS TO HOLD  
BIG DEMONSTRATIONS.

SAN FRANCISCO, June 25.—To make Aug. 1st this year the biggest demonstration against imperialist war and fascism yet seen, the Communist Party has set up a Provisional Committee to meet tomorrow and draw up plans and issue a call to all unions and other working class organizations to join in a big united front.

Plans call for a big mass meeting at Marshall Green, in the Civic Center, with mobilizations of workers parading from all districts in the city.

The first conference will be held Sunday, July 1st, at 121 Haight St. to lay out details, after which weekly conferences will be held to carry on preparations. Practical steps will be laid on rallying unemployed and employed in all neighborhoods, workers in shops and industries, and especially the marine industry, to take active part in this struggle against war.

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## AF OF L FAKERS ORDER CLEANERS UNION EXPEL LOCAL PRESIDENT

### Rabin, Militant, for Two Years Vice Pres. Ordered Out By Casey, When Elected Pres.

SAN FRANCISCO, June 21.—Characteristic of the drive which the AF of L officials are making in an attempt to put down the revolt of the rank and file against their misleadership, are the steps taken in Cleaners and Dyers Union 17960 (AF of L) to depose Emile Rabin, newly elected president of the union.

Rabin had been vice-president of the union for two years prior to his election to this office on June 14. Just prior to the election, a stool-pigeon got up in the meeting and read two communiqués, one from Bill Green, national president of the AF of L, saying that no Communists were to be elected to office in any AF of L unions, and another from Joe Casey, organizer for the State Federation of Labor, and son of another faker, Mike Casey of the Teamsters, in which he specifically warned the bosses to drive this militant worker out of the position which the rank and file has given him.

A general membership meeting of the Union is to be held Thursday, June 28 to take up the case of Rabin, and all cleaners and dyers should be present to spike this attempt of the bosses to drive this militant worker out of the position which the rank and file has given him.

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## Strike Committee Of All Maritime Unions In Pedro

### Pederson, Patterson, Defied As Workers Take Strike In Own Hands

SAN PEDRO, June 26.—Fifteen hundred strikers in an open air demonstration greeted with great enthusiasm the setting up of a rank and file strike committee embracing all unions on strike here. The workers pledged wholehearted support to the central strike picketing being arranged with the ILA hall as the headquarters.

Dutch Sznarsky, a longshoreman, was chairman. Among the speakers were Joe Dicey, Elmer Bruce, Vice President of the ILA local. They pledged support to rank and file control, despite opposition of Peterson, reactionary official of the union. Other speakers included Jim Reamy of the Marine Workers Industrial Union, Pepper of the International Seamen's Union rank and file, and Ed Lange, a seaman, who spoke for the ILD. The workers roared approval to the denunciation of police brutality, and the necessity to fight the legalistic tactics of the ILA lawyer, whose "defense" is filling the jails of San Pedro with the strikers.

An ex-labor faker, Tony Entenza, recommended himself very highly for congress and requested that the workers register Democrat. He was booted down.

Resolutions were passed unanimously endorsing the joint strike committee. The committee wired Gov. Merriam and Roosevelt, declaring that the threat of martial law will be answered with a general strike. They also voted to call on all unions of the county to support the demand for removal of Metropolitan police, and dismissal of Hynes' Lieutenants Hache and Cole. The meeting also voted for a

settlement must be reached for the longshoremen and seamen at the same time. Meeting of strikers are to be held daily, to hear reports, and mobilize for intense picketing.

The above action taken in Pedro is of far reaching importance as until now San Pedro was the weakest point along the strike front because of the sur-

render policy of Patterson and Pederson, ILA misleaders.

SAN PEDRO, June 22.—After seven weeks of struggle against the sellout leadership of the AF

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## Strikers! Ryan, Lewis, Scharrenberg, O'Connell, Are Your Worst Enemies!

The Labor Council of San Francisco joined forces with the Chamber of Commerce, Industrial Association, and all the other strikebreaking agencies in an attack against the longshoremen.

This is the real meaning of the resolution adopted at its meeting last Friday.

In line with the previous attempts to break the ranks of the strikers, the Council launched its attack in the form of an alarm against the Communists. They hope to succeed where the Chamber of Commerce, Industrial Assn., Ryan, Chief of Police Quinn, McGrady or any of the others failed. If they could get the workers busy doing the work of the police—looking for Communists—the united front, and splendid leadership of the longshoremen would be smashed, and the shipowners could easily come out victorious.

The resolution considers last Tuesday's Auditorium meeting, the greatest and most enthusiastic San Francisco ever saw, as "demoralizing" the strikers; and the ILA is "strongly advised to disavow all connections" with the Marine Workers Industrial Union.

Who are the main leaders in this anti-red drive? Who are those who offer such kind advice to the longshoremen?

The resolution was proposed by the officials of the AF of L seamen's unions, with Scharrenberg, of the National Executive of the ISU, and secretary of the State Federation of Labor as the leading spirit. The San Francisco longshoremen will remember Scharrenberg as an old "friend."

SCARRENBERG IS FOR "BLUE BOOK"

Last July, when the San Francisco local of the ILA was chartered, Scharrenberg wired to Ryan REGRETTING THAT THE "BLUE BOOK" COMPANY UNION WAS NOT CHARTERED INSTEAD. HE ASKED THAT THE CHARTER BE WITHDRAWN. Ryan, who followed a scheme of his own, to assure the shipowners that the ILA will be "as good" as the "Blue Book," told him to mind his own business and turned the wire over to Holman, then local president. Here is Scharrenberg's wire to Ryan in full:

Lee Holman  
19 Hancock Street, San Francisco.

New York, July 8

# Arizona Unemployed Council Scores Big Relief Victory

## Phoenix Jobless Force Charities To End Forced Labor; Win Food, Clothes, Milk, Fuel, Etc.; End Discrimination

PHOENIX, June 12.—Solidarity of 500 unemployed in yesterday's demonstration, under the leadership of the Unemployed Councils, succeeded in winning their demands against forced labor, against evictions and water shut-offs and race discrimination, won their demands that fuel and clothing shall be supplied to those needing it, and also forced the relief authorities to agree to give to every child on relief a quart of milk daily if the child is under 3 years of age and a pint of milk daily if it is between 3 and 12 years of age.

Although the local press attempted to minimize the demonstration by saying that only 200 were present, and although police attempted to provoke the demonstration into violence, the workers held solidly and waited outside. Miss Warner's office for over an hour while the committee of twelve was conferring with her. The relief officials attempted to drag out the conference, hoping that the demonstrators would drift away, but they held their ranks solidly and it was this determination which was the most important factor in forcing Miss Warner to give in.

Due to a supposed order from Washington, relief for single workers has been cut in half, from \$21 to \$10.50 per month. The Unemployed Council is starting a mass protest campaign against this cut, which will involve circulation of a state-wide protest petition.

As an indication of the condition of the unemployed here, a widow with five children, with her rent unpaid for four months, and with a sick child, has had her water turned off and given eight dollars a month to feed her entire family on. It is impossible to buy enough milk for five children for eight dollars a month, let alone other food and clothing. In the meantime, Miss Warner, imported here from California, is receiving a salary said to be \$350 per month, and she took \$1800 out of the milk fund to buy herself an automobile.

Speakers at the demonstration were Comrade Naff, Comrade Claton, organizer of the Unemployed Council of Tempe, and two Mexican comrades, Vincente and Romos.

## Deported Indians Starve in Mexico

## I.W.O. Organizes New Branches In Southern Calif.

AIM IS TO SET UP TWELVE NEW BRANCHES WITHIN NEXT YEAR.

LOS ANGELES, June 8.—The Southern California district of the International Workers' Order has inaugurated an intensive campaign to organize at least a dozen new branches within the next year.

We have already organized a new Youth Branch in the West Adams section, and branches in both the Needle Trade Workers' Industrial Union and the Furniture Workers' Industrial Union. These two branches are operating on special trades union membership options. About 60 children have been enrolled in pioneer troops and now carry insignia in the IWO.

Work is now under way to organize a Spanish-speaking section in the Belvedere Gardens district, while an English speaking branch on Central Avenue, composed largely of class-conscious Negroes, held an installation meeting on June 9.

The IWO is anxious to have interested comrades in Southern California communicate with the District Office, with a view to learning of the possibilities of organizing branches in San Bernardino, Riverside, Pasadena, Long Beach, San Pedro, Santa Ana, Anaheim, San Diego, Santa Barbara, Ventura and Oxnard. Los Angeles people will be referred to the nearest organized branch in their language section.

Harold Ashe, former State Secretary of the Socialist Party, and now Communist Party candidate for Secretary of State, has been made organizer of the Southern California district, IWO. Interested workers are urged to write to the IWO, 344 N. Mott Street, El Centro, Imperial Valley.

## Santa Barbara ILD Reorganizes

SANTA BARBARA, June 16.—This evening saw the reorganization of the Ella Reeve Bloor branch of the International Labor Defense of Santa Barbara.

Mary Rodwick, one of the original members, was unanimously elected as organizer. The group voted to keep in regular communication with Stanley Hancock, section organizer of the Communist Party in San Diego, now doing a six-month term in jail on a framed charge in El Centro, Imperial Valley.

## Seattle Saw Mill Wins After Four Days of Striking

SATTLE, Wash., June 14.—For four days the crew of the Stimson Hill has been on strike under the leadership of the National Lumber Workers' Union. Today the company granted five of our nine demands and tonight we voted to go back and prepare for getting the rest of our demands.

The demands granted are: all men working there on June 5, 1934, are to be taken back before any new men are hired; two first-aid kits to be placed at four danger places in the mill; key back of glass for emergencies; a safety committee to be elected from the Mill Committee and approved by the workers; recognition of a Mill Committee elected by all workers; no intimidation to be used against workers organizing.

The NLWU started organizing in the mill about nine weeks ago. On June 1st we had over a majority of the workers in the mill organized. We formulated demands based on our needs and the conditions in the plant and called a mass meeting of all the workers in the mill. The demands were adopted by a standing vote, and a committee elected to present them.

The committee reported at a mass meeting that the company's answer was no. We voted unanimously for a strike. Registration of strikers began after the election of a strike committee. Only seven scabs were recruited and they were driven to the mill in Royal Blue cabs driven by AF of L drivers. They told pickets that they had orders from "Scabby" Brewster, their secretary to do it.

The rank-and-file of the striking longshoremen helped us on our picket line. We in turn voted tonight to go down to the ILA en masse and help them in their picket line. The organized unemployed also helped us.

## Canneries Replace Mass Of Workers With New Machines

BUY THEM BY CHEATING THE SMALL GROWERS OF PAY FOR THEIR FRUIT.

GILROY, Calif., June 20.—The Basile Canning Co., the Chucukle Canning Co., in Sunnyvale and the cannery here here are putting in new machines for peeling pears. The Basile had six of them last year and is now putting in more. I suppose lots of others are doing the same. They each turn out 175 to 190 boxes of pears in eight hours. They cut off the stem, peel the pear, cut it in half, core them, put them on a belt and take them right into the canning section. Only one woman is used for each machine, doing operations which formerly employed many workers. Each machine will put off at least 20 women, and of course they use a lot less men as the machinery does all the rest.

I don't understand how the Basile Canning Co. can buy these expensive machines when they owe so many poor growers for growing tomatoes for them. And these farmers certainly need their money very bad at this time. Just among the Japanese tomato growers alone they have not paid up their bills, which run up to \$60,000, owing for two years now.

Cheat Farmers

The cannery keeps operating and making money but they do not pay the farmers for their goods. It is very hard, after all the hard labor out in the field not to get your money that you have earned, expected and should get. I know how it is because they owe my dad nearly \$900, which would sure come in handy now.

Editor's note: It is not difficult to understand. Canning corporations want profits at all costs regardless who suffers. This includes both the workers placed by machines and the farmers whom they cheat. And so long as the small farmers are unorganized it will continue to happen. In the cotton strike last year workers and farmers united to force the bankers, their common enemy, to pay better for cotton so the pickers could be paid a better wage. Join the United Farmers League, which fights for your rights.

## Appeal for Strikebreaking Fund

SEATTLE CITIZENS' EMERGENCY STRIKE COMMITTEE

GENERAL HEADQUARTERS  
215 COLUMBIA STREET

June 10, 1934.

PRIVATE AND CONFIDENTIAL

I write you on May 1 telling you something of the plans of this committee for the first phase of our campaign to open the port of Seattle for the free and independent movement of trade and commerce. Committees have worked night and day. Every avenue of approach has been exhausted in an effort to bring about a settlement. A campaign of paid advertising has been conducted to explain the position of Seattle business to the people of Seattle. We are now, despite misleading statements given to the public, in a much worse situation than when I wrote my last letter to you.

The position of the striking longshoremen has been greatly strengthened by the complete surrender of the Alaska lines to "Closed Shop" operation. This arrangement is fortunately only temporary and was only accepted because of the desperate situation in Alaska. Union officials publicly state that they are "highly pleased" with the "adjustment" of this situation and trust that similar arrangements may be made with other operators. The acceptance of such "traveler agreements" by the other operators means the complete domination of all Seattle industry by the unions. It means that goods designated as "fair" cannot be shipped through this port.

One of Seattle's largest manufacturers was approached yesterday by a delegation requesting three unions and requested to sign up a "closed shop" agreement. It was intimated to them that in being declared on the "unfair" list their product could not be handled by union truckers or longshoremen.

The paramount question is not recognition of unions or of wages but the forcing of the "closed shop" on a public service utility, which, in turn, means the domination and virtual control of ALL SEATTLE BUSINESS. It is the much-heralded surrender of capital to labor - so far as Seattle is concerned. Are we going to take it lying down?

Our Mayor is now carrying on negotiations trying to arrange a settlement under which this port and city may operate. Falling in this, the shippers demand that they be given their lawful protection so that they may proceed with the opening of the port. With the complete cooperation of our Mayor, our Police Department and the Sheriff of King County, the law enforcement bodies will be augmented to a great extent and this protection given. This committee has undertaken the task of providing a fund to help pay these additional expenses of the police and law enforcement.

Your participation in this fund is vitally necessary. Your Finance Committee will have complete charge of all receipts and disbursements and you are assured that such portion of the fund unexpended will be returned to each subscriber proportionately. Subscribers' names will be held confidential.

Very truly yours,  
ALFRED H. LUNDIN, CHAIRMAN

The above is a photostat of a confidential appeal for funds sent out by a special strikebreaking agency formed in Seattle. They are collecting a \$250,000 fund to break the strike. A similar fund was being collected in San Francisco, through the Chamber of Commerce, which remembers how the 1921 strike was broken with a million and a quarter fund collected then.

Workers! Has your organization helped the Strikers' Relief Fund?

## Alaska Worker Exposes "Starvation" Stories; Says "Wish Strikers Luck"

## Gold Miners Need Organization Too to Fight Against Low Wages and High Prices

FAIRBANKS, Alaska, June 20.—There has been a lot of talk about how the longshoremen and seamen ought to load boats that are bound for Alaska because we are supposed to be starving up here.

Well, a lot of us are starving up here, but it isn't because there's no food—it's because wages and conditions here are just as lousy as they are in the rest of the country. There's plenty of food—the only trouble is that we can't buy it.

Our stores are packed with canned goods. There is quite a lot of fresh vegetables on hand. I have talked with some of the old boys of '98, and they say that they have faced many a winter with less. Of course, we may run short of fresh meat and eggs.

But we should be glad to sacrifice to help the boys on the front. We did it in war time to win the war, and that didn't do any of us any good. We can do it now, to help win the strike and get better conditions for the workers. A lot of old-timers here—fellow who never carried a union card in all their life—have told me that they wish the longshoremen good luck.

C. O. Propaganda

The propaganda which the Chamber of Commerce has put forward here about needing food is primarily because they are interested in breaking up unionism. They know that if the longshoremen and seamen win their strike, that the workers in the long mines here will take the high point of the evening, however, was when he told how Sinclair supported the marine workers' strike.

When, in San Pedro, the police banned the right of free speech to striking stevedores, Uppie got indignant. He had a meeting arranged for him on an empty lot. HE wasn't going to let free speech be suppressed.

At the scheduled meeting Uppie got on a soapbox and began to be cut down from the 10 to 12 hours per day which we now have to work. The F. E. would have to give the boys canned fruit more than twice a week. They tell me that a union man wants a shower bath, and that the cooks don't like sleeping in the dining rooms. And they say that a good union man prefers a warm meal to a nose bag. At present they are feeding us dried fruit and beans, which is supposed to keep us physically fit to do 10 to 12 hours of work seven days a week.

We have no code at all—the bosses feel that this would put us in their cream—we have a gentleman's agreement, and if a man is not a scab when he hits Fairbanks, he will either scab or starve.

Gold Up But Wages Down

When gold was \$18 per ounce, we lived pretty good and had fresh fruit. But at \$35, she is cut down. If it goes to \$40 or better, you will never have any occasion to pick your teeth. The bosses are making more and more profits, but we are getting less and less wages.

Not only are the wages low here—\$5 and \$6 and board per shift at the F. E. Co., for in-

## Steel Co. Trying To Get Workers To Give Up Union

## BUT RANK AND FILE FOIL STOOL PIGEONS.

PITTSBURGH, Cal., June 15.

—The biggest street meeting ever held in this town was called tonight by a group of workers in the Amalgamated Association to discuss "Who Doesn't Want the Union?" The following night the union meeting was to be held.

At the previous union meeting through stool pigeons the company made a motion to return the union's charter, so as not to be compelled to join in the general steel strike. Many workers opposed this from the floor, but the vote was set for next meeting, tomorrow night.

The General Shop Committee composed of one man from each department called for a stoppage, to which the workers from three departments responded. The sewing and mill departments sent pledges of cooperation.

The stoppage lasted till 1 p.m. As a result of the organized resistance by the workers the firm was forced to withdraw the cut. It was found out the next day that the upholsterers were to be the next victims. Had it not been for the organized and united efforts of all the workers of the plant, every department would have received a cut. All of the workers of this shop are members of the Furniture Workers' Industrial Union.

At a special meeting of San Joaquin Lodge No 9 last Saturday, a hot discussion on the strike situation took place, particularly about preventing participation in the strike by returning the charter. Though the bosses used every trick to build up sentiment among the 2000 men in the Columbia Steel Mill, the vote to hold the charter was unanimously carried. The bosses were to try to prevent the men from striking have threatened to close down the mill for two months and then reopen, not hiring the ones with union cards.

At the smaller plant at Torrance, Cal., they succeeded in breaking the union about four weeks ago where at a meeting packed with company men they voted to return the charter. As a result the bosses told the men here that if they strike all the orders will be handled at Torrance.

But as a result of the work of the more progressive element in the union, the sentiment, as manifested at the street meeting last night, and among the members is not to break up their union.

—Steel Worker.

## Indians In Arizona Get Worst Jobs In CCC Camps

PHOENIX, Ariz.—The abuse of the Indians by the Federal government is quite well known in Arizona. Graft, as in every other branch of government, is rampant. And especially noticeable is the discrimination against the Indians in favor of the whites, in order to keep them from struggling together.

In the White Mountains here, a project was started under the CCC. The whites were given all the good jobs, such as cat-skinners, powder men, tractor and truck drivers, while the Indians were given the pick and shovel jobs, tree climbers, and other dangerous tasks.

The tree climbers have to place the chains at the top of the trees to pull the trees over. The tractor men would not give any signal when starting to pull the trees down, and several Indian workers were killed in this way.

Some Killed.

One Indian, while greasing a wheel on a scraper, was left by the other men, and the scraper fell on him, puncturing his stomach and killing him. The other disregard for their lives and safety disgusted the Indians, and toppling it off with the rotten food, discrimination etc. They struck for better food, jobs driving trucks, cooking, waiting on table, and all other jobs that the white workers do. They forced the Federal trucks to transport them from White River into Phoenix. The white workers did not stick with the Indians in this struggle, still not seeing the necessity for unity of races in the struggle for better conditions.

Indians at Sacaton are also discontented. They noticed that the 400 tractors driven are operated by whites. They are capable and reliable drivers themselves, and object to having all the pick and shovel jobs while

the better jobs are given to the whites. The Indians want organization but have no organizers. The distances here in Arizona are great, and the section is without any means of transportation.

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## TRADE UNION NOTES

### L. A. Cleaners and Dyers To Take Strike Vote

With a membership of 350

involving 52 plants in L. A. an independent cleaners' and dyers union are taking a vote on a general strike in their industry this week.

### Sterling Furniture Workers Block Wage Cut

LOS ANGELES—Recently the

Sterling Furniture Co. decided to cut wages. They began by cutting 30c off the outsiders and 15c off the springers.

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Finally, the decision comes! It appeared in the "Daily News" as follows: "The Labor Board announced that a decision reached in Washington on the national strike in Wilson's meat packing house strikers would also have helped workers in the other plants, so many workers patiently waited for six months for the National Labor Board to hand down a decision.

A militant mass picket line

and spreading of the strike im-

mediately, as was suggested by

the Trade Union Unity League,

would have stopped the scabs and

settled the strike in favor of the workers, long ago.

### NRA Board Rules Against Wilson Strikers

LOS ANGELES—Until now

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fully waited for the National

Labor Board to give them back

their jobs and back pay.

A decision in favor of Wilson's meat

## East of the Rockies

### Socialist Party Splitting Again

NEW BEDFORD, Mass., June 17.—Five prominent members of the Massachusetts Socialist party, including a member of the State Executive Committee and a candidate for Congress, walked out of the state convention when the party bureaucracy refused to consider a resolution on the united front, and expunged from a resolution demanding the freedom of anti-Fascist prisoners the name of Thaelmann. All five declared that they are going to join the Communist Party. In the meantime, the "Old Guard" of the party has set up a separate office in New York to work against the adoption of the phrase-mongering "Declaration of Principles," and appear to be prepared to split the party once more.

### More Support for H. R. 7598

NEW YORK, N. Y., June 17.—The National Convention of the American Federation of Full Fashioned Hosiery Workers, representing 100,000 workers, unanimously endorsed H. R. 7598, the Workers Unemployment and Social Insurance Bill, at its convention here. Seven unions and fifteen fraternal organizations were added to the list of sponsors for the bill this week.

### National Guard Says "Free Thaelmann"

CHICAGO, Ill., June 18.—A group of workers in the National Guard 33rd regiment sent resolutions last week to Governor White during the Toledo strike, and to the German Embassy, demanding the freedom of Ernst Thaelmann.

### Boo Hanstaengl At New York Dock

NEW YORK, June 19.—Not daring to face the demonstration of more than 2,000 workers and students booing his name at the pier, Ernst Hanstaengl, Hitler's special propaganda agent to the U. S. sneaked off the S. S. Europe and got ashore on a private barge under heavy police protection. The protection remained with him during his trip to Harvard. The meeting at the pier continued with speakers raising the demand to "Free Thaelmann!"

### Klanman Nominated for Alabama Gov.

BRMINGHAM, Ala., June 20.—Running strictly as a Ku Klux Klanman, Col. Bibbs Graves was nominated for governor in the Democratic primaries recently. In the same elections in Morgan county, Judge Horton was defeated by a campaign conducted by the KKK and their brother Klan, the White Legion, on the basis of his reversal of the lynch verdict against Heywood Patterson, Scottsboro Negro boy, last summer. The result of the election marks official sanction of open terror and lynching as opposed to the "smoother" legalist methods.

### "Daily Worker" Sued for Taxi Strike Expose

NEW YORK, June 19.—Clarence Hathaway, editor of the Daily Worker and Harry Raymond, staff writer, face being framed to three year terms in prison on charges of criminal libel brought by the strike breaking Sherwood Detective Bureau for an article this Communist Party organ printed exposing the strike breaking activities of New York detective agencies during the recent taxi drivers strike. Both are out on bail of \$500 each and are being defended by the International Labor Defense.

### Milwaukee Street Car Men Vote Strike

MILWAUKEE, Wis., June 20.—Following a second reaffirming last Friday of the decision for a strike, the Street Carmen's Union is pushing forward demands and preparations for a walkout in this city of Socialist Mayor Dan Hoan. The officials both of the union and of the State Federation of Labor are doing all they can to prevent the action. The State Convention of the Socialist party last week failed to mention the question, despite the fact that all the leading union officials are S. P. members.

## Fishermen's Union Calls Conference July 8 For Calif.

### CALLS SHOW THAT F&CWIU WON A MILLION DOLLARS MORE WAGES IN 1934.

SEATTLE, Wash., June 21.—Calling upon all fishermen and fish-cannery workers to prepare for the California State Conference by raising a series of struggles for better conditions on a united front basis, the National Committee of the Fishery & Cannery Workers Industrial Union is pushing forward demands and did not raise the living standards of the masses.

But when this same Board began to retreat, especially when regarded as an adjustment the recent decision of the NRA to amend the price fixing policy. Thompson resigned from the Darrow Board. His resignation is sent to President Roosevelt, who appointed the committee.

The statement in full follows:

My dear Mr. President:

I hand you herewith my resignation as a member of the National Recovery Review Board. In this connection I wish to point out that I alone am responsible for the preparation and the conclusion of the special supplementary report filed with you together with the first report of the Review Board. Mr. Clarence S. Darrow also signed this supplementary report. However, I shall leave to his judgment explanation his reasons for doing so since Mr. Mason, counsel to the Board, has stated that Mr. Darrow "was forced" to sign this document.

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## Demonstration of Portland Jobless Wins Demands

### 300 DEMONSTRATE DURING THE CITY'S ROSE FESTIVAL: COMMITTEES RECOGNIZED.

PORLTAND, Ore., June 20.—With approximately three hundred unemployed packing the corridors of the county court house here yesterday, a committee of ten, elected from participants in a mass meeting called by the Multnomah County Federation of Unemployed, presented fifty-three grievances and a seven point program of demands to the county relief administrators. Most of the grievances, after heated arguments, were adjusted favorably for the unemployed. A demand for recognition of committees was granted and the other demands were referred to "authorities higher up."

### Forget Rules

The demonstration, made especially embarrassing to the city officials because it was called during the annual "Rose Festival," took place directly across from the court house in the Plaza Park blocks. A huge "Welcome Portland" sign hung over the doors of the court house and the demonstrators took the slogan at its face value, converging en masse upon the building. No police interference was offered, although the county sheriff closed himself with the relief officials while the committee was being heard. At first the relief heads were unwilling to see a committee of ten, declaring that a committee of such size was directly against the rules. Upon seeing the masses gathered in the corridors, however, the rules were promptly forgotten and the entire committee was seen.

### Organize Stronger

Although many significant cases were won by the militant masses of unemployed a few were lost and this, according to N. A. Mackrill of the Multnomah County Federation of Unemployed, will continue to be the case until the whole of the county is organized and a greater and a more extensive demonstration can be held.

The organizations, affiliate members of MCPU, participating in the demonstration were the Civic Emergency Federation, Unemployment Councils and the Unemployed Citizen's League.

## Bill for Negro Rights and the Suppression of Lynching

### To Abolish the Practice of Lynching of Negroes and to Secure Full Equality and Civil Rights Throughout the United States

(EDITOR'S NOTE—Below we reprint the latest bill being sponsored by the Communist Party and the militant workers organizations, which now takes its place with such as the Social Insurance Bill 7598 and the Bill to Aid the Farmers, introduced into Congress, for which support is sweeping every part of the nation).

Sec. 1—BE IT ENACTED BY THE SENATE AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA IN CONGRESS ASSEMBLED, that because the rights of the Negro people, although guaranteed by the Constitution of the United States of America, 13, 14, 15 Amendments, have been and are being systematically violated, as shown by: the denial of the rights of citizenship and equality, the denial in many sections of the country of their right to vote, to serve on juries, and to enjoy equal rights in courts of law, the system of peonage and slavery and chain gang widely practiced in the South, the wholesale frame-ups against innocent Negroes and other such oppressive practices, the fact that during the past 50 years more than 5,000 lynchings have taken place in the United States with very little effort on the part of the Police or Judicial Authorities to apprehend or to punish the guilty parties; therefore it becomes necessary to adopt special measures to suppress the practice of lynching and to secure to the Negro people the full and free exercise of complete equal rights with other sections of the population.

Sec. 2—Every person participating in a lynching is declared to be guilty of murder in the first degree, and upon conviction shall be punished by death. Lynching is defined as a violent assault, resulting in death or aggravated injury, directed against the victim because of supposed inferiority of the Negroes, and/or because he or she is accused of a crime associated with such supposed inferiority, and/or, when such violent attacks are wholly or partly directed towards intimidating the Negro population to prevent them from claiming their rights, and/or, when such violence is directed towards preventing the free association of white and Negroes and their joint activity in all phases of life. Such violent attack shall be considered a lynching whenever motivated by any or all of the above, whether the attacker or attackers are private individuals or officers of the law, or both, and whether or not such attack was directed against any particular individual. Participation in any attempted lynching shall be a felony, punishable by imprisonment for not less than one year.

Sec. 3—Any official or official body of any sub-division of the U. S. government or the government of any state, county, or municipality, who shall adopt or enforce any measure aimed at, or resulting in, the denial of full equality of Negroes, is guilty of a malfeasance in office, and is subject to immediate removal and is guilty of a felony. In such category of prohibited measures, are all so-called Jim-Crow laws and regulations which provide for segregation of, or discrimination against, Negroes, which deprive them of the right to vote through the enacting of special qualifications which in practice result in depriving the Negroes of the franchise, which exclude them from Jury lists or panels, and in practice result in the dismissal of persons from Juries on account of being Negroes, which exclude Negroes from any employment or office, or which in any way directly or indirectly deprive the Negroes of their full and complete rights of participation in any phase of public life.

Sec. 4—Any person who shall in his private capacity discriminate against Negroes, in employment or in the renting of other occupancy of any dwelling or business quarters, or who shall charge higher prices or rents to Negroes than to the general public, or who shall refuse to render to Negroes professional services which he or she normally offers to the public, shall be declared guilty of a Misdemeanor, punishable by not less than six months in prison, and upon a third repetition of the offense is guilty of a felony, punishable by not less than two years in prison, in both cases in addition to punitive damages payable to the person discriminated against.

## Motorman Tells Of Difficulty Of Organizing Men

### LOS ANGELES, June 21.—I

read with much interest the letters from a street car man in L. A. and read your comment as to organizing. Well, I know you tackle some pretty tough jobs, but to organize a bunch of street car men is to me unthinkable.

For one thing, there's no such thing as free speech around a street car barn. We have to be awful careful what we say about anything. Several months ago the Amalgamated union started with great gusto, and, to show they mean business every man who joined wore a red button on the lapel of his coat. Oh yes, they had the government behind them.

I went over to the restaurant, and that was all they talked of over there. But there was to be no strike—come what would; they were going to play the devil, anything but strike. Then came Uppie Sinclair to give the boys a talk that put the fat in the fire.

Well, things went well for a while, but now the fellows see they've been fooled, and they are dropping out. But street car men are different to any I ever saw. One told me only a few days ago they ought to have a Hitler in this country to fix these reds. I have put the Western Worker on the table in the car barn, and a minute after, the janitor came along and destroyed it, or somebody took it to clean the car windows with. I always plant my Worker somewhere.

—Another Motorman.

Ed note: While it is true that street car companies have a complicated stool-pigeon system that enables them to live many militant workers, still the despairing attitude which this worker takes is short sighted and incorrect. The only defense against these reds is to fix these reds. I have put the Western Worker on the table in the car barn, and a minute after, the janitor came along and destroyed it, or somebody took it to clean the car windows with. I always plant my Worker somewhere.

## Foreign News Briefs

### General Strike Stops Cuba Fascist Parade

HAVANA, Cuba, June 17.—Defying the death penalty against militant workers, a united front demonstration and strike movement smashed the ABC fascist demonstration set for today. The general strike, called by the Communist Party and the National Confederation of Labor against the fascist mobilization tied up all transportation. Fighting spread throughout the city.

Using the general strike movement against fascism as a cover the Grau San Martin-Guiteras faction within the ABC with machine guns and rifles attacked the other ABC's, killing 14 and wounding 60. They are now using this, as Hitler used the Nazi burning of the Reichstag, as excuse for losing a reign of terror against the Cuban Communists.

The crew of 150 on the warship Cuba mutinied, and the revolt is reported spreading to other ships.

The widespread character of the workers movement is evident in the fact that more than 2000 sugar plantation workers of Central Tuniu, Santa Clara Province, have been on strike for two weeks, demanding a plot of land for each worker sufficient to maintain himself and family until next sugar harvest.

### Thaelmann "Trial" Set July 2nd

BERLIN, June 19.—Officials of the Nazi Ministry of Justice have stated that the terrorist tribunals, the so-called "People's Courts," will be opened on July 2nd and that one of the first "trials" will be that of Ernst Thaelmann, leader of the German Communist Party. The decision to rush through the frame-up and execution of Thaelmann rises from the tremendous financial and economic difficulties of the Fascists and resultant upsurge of struggles and mass discontent against the Nazi regime, as well as the growing mass protest against the Thaelmann frame-up from all over the world.

The judges for the "People's Courts," two professional judges and three laymen, are being now chosen with extreme care and solely on the basis of their record to serve fascism.

Thaelmann, in preparation for the frame-up is being daily tortured and third-degreeed by Nazi inquisitors.

### Try To Kill USSR Finnish Ambassador

HELSINKI, Finland, June 17.—An attempt was made to assassinate the Soviet Ambassador, Stein, here Thursday when H. W. Broun, British subject, coming into the Embassy demanded to see him, and when he was being asked the nature of his business drew a revolver and shot one of the employees.

### New Zealand Port Tied Up

WELLINGTON, New Zealand, June 21.—The port is completely tied up as workers came out in support of the Stewards Union strike for restoration of recent pay cuts.

### 100% Tobacco Strike In Greece

PIRAEUS, Greece, June 18.—All tobacco factories, including that of the American Tobacco Co., have been closed down with the strike of more than 1,400 tobacco workers here. Three members of the Communist Party of Greece have been interned for leading the strike, and fifteen others arrested so far.

### Fascists, Neo-Socialists Join in France

PARIS, June 22.—Complete and outspoken capitulation of the "Neo-Socialist" party to Fascism was made evident here today when they announced their plans to hold a joint convention with the outspokenly Fascist "Croix de Feu" veterans organization July 8th. In the meantime, government officials are frankly worried about the effectiveness of the united front of struggle which Communists and Socialist workers have forged, over the heads of the leaders of all three factions of the French Socialist party. Street fighting now prevalent between fascists and the united front of Communists and Socialists has resulted in twenty dead and hundreds wounded in provincial towns.

### New Mexico Workers Organizing Union; For H. R. 7598

CLOVIS, New Mex., June 18.—The Spanish-American Club here has unanimously endorsed the Workers' Unemployment and Social Insurance Bill H. R. 7598, and plans to carry on an active campaign in support of it. Comrade Howe, our Section Organizer, was invited to speak at the club in behalf of the bill, and an invitation was extended to all our speakers to visit there.

The relief situation is becoming acute here, causing much unrest and dissatisfaction among the workers and small farmers. Due to the drought that has hit this state, the government is planning to slaughter thousands of cattle. They have promised to pay the ranchers for the cattle at the rate of \$14 a head for all unedible stock condemned. The banker that holds the mortgage on the cattle will get the first \$5.

Agricultural workers, mostly Spanish, are forced to work in this country for the miserable wages of 40 and 50¢ a day. We hope to be able to organize them into the Cannery and Agricultural Workers Union in preparation for a strike for better wages in the fall when the cotton picking and bean harvest starts.

We are going to use the State Election Campaign to consolidate a real militant organization among the agricultural workers and poor farmers in this state.

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ned economy" to improve the living standards of the masses. ITS DEVELOPMENT DAY BY DAY REVEALS MORE CLEARLY A MARKED TREND TOWARD FASCISM IN THE UNITED STATES.

The only solution involves a change in class relationships. Only a government by the workers and farmers can plan production, produce goods for use and not for profit, eliminate poverty, and raise the standards of living of the entire population.

(Signed) W. O. THOMPSON.

## World Events and Western Workers

### Member of Darrow NRA Board Shows NRA Is the Road To Fascism — Hits Roosevelt Demagogic Promises and Says That Only the Workers and the Farmers' Government Can End Present Monopoly Rule.

The publication of our report was the occasion for an unjustified attack by General Johnson, the Labor Advisory Board, and other agents and supporters of monopoly capital. They assailed us bitterly for doing the very thing we had been appointed to do, namely, to read, investigate and report on the complaints of small business men. The purpose of their attack was obviously to divert public opinion from the clear content of our findings which showed the growing encouragement of monopolistic combinations and practices by the National Recovery Administration.

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dustry are now operating under approved codes. According to the Division of Research and Planning figures, 68 per cent of 325 codes studied contained price-fixing provisions of one kind or another. The industries still to be codified are in the main small industrial groups. Just how, then, does the newly announced policy eliminate monopolistic practices if it does not apply to approved codes?

The announcement of a "new" price-fixing policy is merely a device to calm an aroused public realization of the extent of monopolistic practices. That it does not represent any change but rather the continuation of the old policy is evidenced by the statement that the Code Authorities of approved codes will "amend" the price-fixing provisions. In other words, as the supplementary report stated, "monopolistic combinations are expected to enforce against themselves a law to prevent monopoly." In view of this and as a result of my contact with the workings of the National Recovery Administration through membership on the Recovery Review Board, I have been forced to the following conclusions:

The trend of the National Recovery Administration has been to toward the encouragement and development of monopoly capitalism in the United States. The NRA handed over to trade associations dominated by the largest corporations in the various industries, the formulation of codes of fair competition with representation of the consumers or workers. Wherever AF of L unions have been represented as in the clothing in-

May 1 until sales are below the levels of early May a year ago." The New York Evening Post

(May 22, 1934), commenting

editorially on a news item that "Total food tonnages for the first quarter of this year were below the same period in 1933," stated:

"In other words, despite the talk of expanding mass purchasing power, despite recovery in business, people consumed less food during the first quarter than in the first quarter of last year, the bottom of the depression."

## Former Socialist Party National Secretary Votes Against Letting FSU Have Free Use of LA Schools

BY HAROLD ASHE  
Communist Candidate Secretary of State

LOS ANGELES, June 5.—By unanimous vote and without discussion, the Board of Education last night reversed its action of a week ago and, for the second time, denied the Friends of the Soviet Union the right to hold meetings in the Los Angeles public schools.

For weeks, the school board has been swaying from one side to the other on a clear-cut well defined issue. With ears to the ground, it has been attempting to determine whether it will support freedom of press, speech and assembly and whether it will correctly interpret the State school law pertaining to free use of the schools solely upon the basis of which of the two opposing forces could muster the most support.

For Western Worker readers and, more particularly those who have been sympathetic to the Socialist, rather than the Communist Party, the significant point of this controversy, is the fact that a Socialist, Will Henry, elected as a non-partisan, was one of those voting to deny the use of the schools to the FSU.

### Leading Socialist

Will Henry's action cannot be lightly dismissed by Socialists with the excuse that his was the action of like-warm, unschooled Socialists. Henry's is the same sort of action that rank and file Socialists throughout the world have experienced and will continue to experience from those "leaders" mouthing revolutionary phrases, and claiming Socialististic.

Will Henry, immediately after the World War was National Secretary of the SP. In 1930-31-32 he served in various capacities for the Socialist Party of California. He was a state organizer and one of their principal platform speakers.

Early in 1932, under the spell of Technocracy, Henry was one of those who declared that he could better advance the cause of Socialism by running on an old party ticket for the United States Congress. Then in 1933 he saw his big opportunity in the non-partisan elections for the school board. He and three others calling themselves "The Four Horsemen," with the aid of certain capitalist newspapers, successfully ran for school board.

**S. P. Aided Campaign**

At that time, Henry, thanks to S. P. officials, was able to corral a large block of Socialist votes for this ticket. His candidacy was openly advocated by many Socialist leaders and Central branch, especially aided him in his election campaign.

Henry's actions are a living

## Tunnel Workers On Metropolitan Tell of Rotten Job

**SERVE BAD FOOD AND FIRE YOU IF YOU COMPLAIN.**

SANTA ANA, Calif., June 19.—I have been working on the Metropolitan Aqueduct at Huntington Beach No. 1. I wish to advertise some of the conditions the men have to submit to here.

Before a man is hired he must sign away his right to the optional state insurance. Before going to work in the tunnel he must buy a hard hat at the commissary for \$3.75. The same hat can be bought in town for less than \$1.

We work under dangerous conditions and are continually driven by the bosses. The air in the heading is foul and hard breathing soon makes one dizzy and sick. Whenever an accident happens which causes loss of time on equipment, some one is bound to be fired.

Those who get hurt are the most unfortunate. They have to pay the regular \$1.40 per day board while lying helpless in the hospital. They tell them not to leave camp except on regular lay-offs or they will not get their compensation pay. I don't believe this is legal, but no one dares to risk finding out.

They manage to work the men about 10 or 20 minutes overtime each day. They forget to mark it down, however. The rates of pay are as follows: Bull gang, \$3.80, chuck tender \$5.20, and

example not only of S. P. leaders policy of "Get power at any price," but of their policy, "hold power at any price, even at the price of the 'principles' for which the power is attained."

The resolution to which Henry subscribed, stated:

"Since the Board of Education is finding it difficult to meet the burdensome demands entailed in carrying on the school system, rehabilitating damaged buildings and reorganizing its administrative staff, and since it is not the province of the board to enter upon extended hearings to try questions involving constitutional rights, and in view of the state of the public mind regarding the use of school buildings by Friends of the Soviet Union and the controversial nature the question has assumed, it is ordered that permits for the use of school buildings by this group be denied."

### Lesson to Rank and File

Let Socialist rank-and-filers and sympathizers be warned by this action of Will Henry. Will

Henry, claiming to be a dyed-in-the-wool Socialist, claiming to believe in free press, free speech and free assemblage, claiming to want to IMMEDIATELY aid in bringing about a new non-profit system, ran on a non-partisan ticket for school board so that he could escape the "stigma" of being called a radical and therefore be defeated, but in so doing attained office presumably to do constructive work for the working class.

Will Henry merely anticipated by a year, the argument now being advanced by Upton Sinclair why he must appear as a "respectable" so he may garner in the votes necessary to his election. As time draws near, other pseudo-radicals will announce their candidacies on old-party tickets to escape the odium they are attaching to running on even the Socialist ticket.

Once they are elected—if they are elected—THEY WILL COMPROMISE IN OFFICE, JUST AS THEY COMPROMISED TO GET INTO OFFICE.

Only the Communist Party and the Communist Party's candidates have a clear-cut program and a fearless attitude toward the class struggle and the acute problems confronting the working class in its day to day struggle for improved living standards and ultimate emancipation.

The compromising of its former adherents, the Will Henrys and the Upton Sinclairs is not in the least surprising, but to the contrary is a natural state of affairs to be expected. They graduate from a political school in which compromise is advocated and when possible, practiced. That they should practice it merely reflects their training while Socialist Party leaders.

**Peabody Nodded**

"Mornin' Sheriff," said the farmer in the wagon, and he lowered the lines of his four horse team, "up kind of early, aren't you?"

Three weary men in make-shift aprons of gunny sacking looked blearily at the Sheriff and wished him "Good morning."

One of them raised a smoky lantern in his hand and blew out the flame. Their clothing was spattered with clots of blood and blobs of grease.

"The Spangler boys here,"

"We're helpin' me slaughter 'em. Took us all night."

The Sheriff eyed the dead pigs as if he considered putting a few of them under arrest. "Have you sold 'em?"

Peabody nodded. "Practically. The government paid me for 'em. I didn't get much, but it was better'n nothin'."

The Sheriff frowned. "The government paid you to destroy these pigs. What are you going to do with them?"

The farmer took a chew. "Well, I thought it would be alright with the government if I took 'em to town and gave 'em to the unemployed."

The Sheriff had his doubts about that. In fact, the idea made him indignant. He told Orville Peabody he'd land him in jail if he gave those pigs to anybody. The government paid money to have 'em destroyed, to cut down the surplus and keep prices up. And if Orville Peabody wanted him giving those pigs to the unemployed then he didn't know his government.

Peabody hitched up his overalls. "Well, now, Sheriff, you couldn't say it would cut the prices to give this meat to the unemployed, because they aren't buying pork chops anyway."

"Humph!" the Sheriff snorted, "for that matter what's to prevent the unemployed selling the meat, once they get it?"

The farmer wanted to know where the Sheriff got the idea that a hungry man would sell his dinner?

"I'm not goin' to argue with you, Peabody," the Sheriff spoke with finality. "The government paid to have those pigs destroyed, and I'll see that they are destroyed."

The Sheriff grunted contemplatively. "Well, there's one thing your outfit wants to remember, Peabody. The next time any farmer comes to our fore-closure sale with their shotgun there's going to be trouble."

The farmer sagged wearily in his overalls and patched blue shirt. "All right, Sheriff. If that's the way it is, I'll dump 'em."

The three Spangler brothers removed their burlap aprons. The biggest one spoke slowly, "Well, Peabody, guess we wasted our time slaughterin' them pigs to eat." He dabbed at some fat on his overalls. "Well, guess we better be goin'."

The brothers went to their old Model T that stood by the corrall gate.

The Sheriff spoke briskly. "Where will you dispose of them Peabody?"

The farmer studied. "Think I'll haul 'em over and dump 'em in Pearson's Gulch."

The Sheriff nodded approval. A day in the sun in Pearson's Gulch would certainly ruin fresh pork.

Peabody took up the lines and eased the brake loose with his foot. "Well, good mornin' Sheriff. Knock at the back door and the Mississ' will give you a bite of breakfast before you leave."

"Wait a minute!" cried the Sheriff. "You takin' 'em to Pearson's Gulch now?"

Peabody nodded. "Yep."

## GOVERNMENT PORK

A Short Story  
By Ronald Cooley

## "WANTED, TRAITORS, GOOD PAY"

BY R. J. PEARSALL

Last night I was honored after an open forum in a Berkeley school, during which I had spoken as a Communist Party member, I was given the glad hand by one McDermott. McDermott is a leading light in the Pacific Coast Cooperative League, one of the few "self-help" organizations which are still picketing at the corner, kept alive by hope of government aid.

"We're organizing and need a business manager," McDermott told me. "If you'll come in with us—try us out for six months—you'd find you could make a good thing out of it."

"Yeah," Peabody was surprised. "I never saw the truck before."

"That's all right. You can swear to the Spangler boys, and that's enough."

The farmer seemed doubtful. "I don't know about that, Sheriff. There maybe was a resemblance, but I couldn't get up in a court of law and swear it was the Spangler boys—not and keep my conscience clear, I couldn't."

The Sheriff was stunned. "By God! I'll have you jailed too!"

"Why, how you talk, Sheriff," said Peabody, quite undisturbed.

"Have me arrested because I'm held up and robbed of a load of pork?" He got out his plug and took a chew.

The Sheriff sputtered into a silly silence.

The sun was high and hot when they entered the barnyard.

The Sheriff leaped from the wagon and sped to the farm house.

"Where's your telephone?" he demanded of Mrs. Peabody.

She looked up from her churning.

"Why, that's too bad, Sheriff."

The Sheriff roused from his thoughts of kerosene. "Bunch of dirty Mexicans and Filipinos," he growled, "ought to be kicked out of the country."

"They seem like ordinary folks to me," replied the other mildly.

"Spangler?" questioned the man with the shot gun.

"This is a put up job, Peabody," cried the Sheriff. "I want it quick!"

"Carburator?" Mrs. Peabody looked helpful. "Is it a kind of copper looking thing that smells of gasoline?"

"Yes, yes. Where is it?"

"I guess that's what George had. Expect I shouldn't have let him play around the car, but he's like Sam, always—"

The Sheriff was ready to cry.

"Will you call the boy?"

She called obediently, "Georgeeeee!"

But George didn't answer.

Ten minutes of searching and of calling failed to produce him.

The Sheriff was in despair. "I suppose you don't have a saddle horse?" he said sarcastically.

"Nearest place is mine," and Peabody released the brake.

"It'll take hours to drive that!"

"I know it," The farmer chucked to his team and started home.

"That's a fact," agreed the other, "but I notice most of these laws are enforced against the man who works. Looky here. We elected you Sheriff so you could protect us against thieves and such— isn't that right?"

The Sheriff admitted it was.

"And that's just what you don't do. Big Business sells us the things we buy at ten times what they're worth. The commission houses and crop buyers steal us blind. The railroads take a dig at us. When we hit rocky goin' and ask the banks for help they slap a mortgage on our land. Then we mortgage our livestock to pay our taxes and interest. And when this gang of thieves comes to take our land and livelihood from us they won't ride. Buck you off!"

"They jogged along, sometimes a trot but mostly a walk. It seemed to worry Peabody when his horses got up a sweat. The Sheriff cursed.

"Wait!" he commanded suddenly. "Unhitch one of these horses and let me ride it in—I can make better time."

The farmer shook his head. "They won't ride. Buck you off!"

"They jogged along.

"You should have had a partner with you," suggested Peabody.

"I didn't expect anything like this," retorted the Sheriff. "I hungry workers."

When he had gone Mrs. Peabody took a carburetor from her apron pocket and handed it to her husband. "Put that thing back on the car, Pa."

Her husband grinned. "Was that a strike's truck, Ma?"

"Yes. The Spangler boys said they'd be safe by nine o'clock, and it'll be nearly noon before that Sheriff reaches a telephone."

The farmer expanded proudly.

"Wonder what that hop toad'll say when he hears I'm a candidate for Sheriff on the Communist ticket."

The "hop toad" was out of sight.

He was hurrying to spread the alarm that a truck load of food was at large and in danger of falling into the hands of the

bosses.

These tactics have to be expected. There is no weapon that the capitalists will not use against us. And always there will be renegades and traitors.

Our business is to expose every move, so that the fewest possible

of the bosses fear.

These tactics are nation-wide, world-wide. Because everywhere the workers are learning to trust those who fought for them, suffer clubbings for them, go to prison for them. And this is very dangerous for the bosses.

But all this crooked maneuvering will fail. To defeat it we must strongly, consistently, appeal to the workers' common sense, exposing these facts. The bosses know their friends. They support and pay their friends. They have no subsidies for the Communist Party.

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## New Groups of L.A. Women Join Fight On War, Fascism

Sinclair never passes up an opportunity and his campaign literature is now more of a book price list and advertising sheet than anything else. Since he can't end poverty in California he figures he will at least enlarge profits in cashes for himself.

### Foreigners And—Foreigners

Just in case anyone thinks Plant, spokesman for the shipowners, is sincere in the squawking he made about "foreigners" among the strikers, how come his plea now for the foreign ship lines?

A week ago Ryan said the marine workers' strike was "all over but the shouting." Next day when he tried to put over the sellout he heard the shouting, all right.

It is not merely a mistake in spelling that causes the Socialist party to always mistake "resolution" for "revolution."

So complete was the repudiation of Ryan's sellout agreement, that it is rumored that the honest workers named Ryan along the front are considering calling themselves Sweeney or O'Brien.

D'Annunzio, the Great Lover and political faker of Italy, recently went into seclusion claiming he was going to write his memoirs about Mussolini and other "leaders" of his period. Now he comes out with a book called the "Lives of Illustrious Dogs." And already he's having to explain that this is not the book he meant.

Rossi, after the storm of boos that greeted him at the strikers' meeting at the Civic Auditorium Tuesday night, sure knew what he was talking about when he spoke of "tryng times." He was a perfect picture of depression.

## Challenge Rossi

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Communist Party in public debate in a large hall and under such fair terms as you may choose.

If your campaign is not to be a campaign of misrepresentation of Communism and is to present the true facts, you should not hesitate to meet a Communist in debate. This would be a really educational service to the San Francisco people.

We look to an early reply.

Yours truly,  
(Signed) Louise Todd,  
Speaker's Bureau,  
Communist Party, Dist. 13.

But to date no answer has been received.

## San Pedro

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of Lakers, W. R. Patterson and A. H. Peterson, the rank and file Strike Committee of 15 members of the ILA is forming. Together with a rank and file committee of fifteen seamen, comprising a central strike committee of thirty the longshoremen are calling for a mass meeting Monday, June 25.

"Murders Were Fair," says Patterson.

"We realize fully the difficulties confronting the police in times like this," wrote W. R. Patterson.

According to Patterson it was all right for Captain Hynes and his deputized thugs to kill Dick Parker and Tom Knudsen, for he says in a letter just come into the hands of the Communist Party:

"Captain Hynes has cooperated with Mr. Lindgren of our organization in every possible manner. We wish to state that Captain Hynes has been very fair in regard to violations of the law by members of our organization and has cooperated in eliminating unjust and unsubstantiated complaints."

"Thanking you for your fairness in regards to the strike, we remain,

Very truly yours,  
(Signed) W. R. Patterson.

The copy of the letter containing these statements came to the Communist Party from Joseph Shaw, brother of and secretary to the Los Angeles mayor, to whom the original was addressed. Shaw enclosed it in a letter to Emil Fered, chairman of the L. A. Section campaign committee of the Communist Party, in response to a resolution passed by the L. A. County Nominating Convention of the Communist Party on June 9. The resolution condemned the mayor and demanded the withdrawal of the Red Squad from the Harbor Section.

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LARGE SELECTION of MARXIST-LENINIST WORKS and FICTION

## Prepare Calif. Guard In Riot, Drill for Strike

SACRAMENTO, June 21.—Further preparations to use the state militia for use against strikers is evident in the new orders for the summer camps of 6000 national guardmen. At Capitola, San Luis Obispo and Ventura, during encampments lasting for two weeks each, instead of the former regimental field maneuvers, drills and manuevers will be for small companies, battalions and lesser units in riot drills. The drills will be on a more extensive scale than the present weekly ones in the state armories.

These new groups include a Business Girls' Club of the Y. W. C. A., the Classroom Teachers' Federation, an auxiliary of an Unemployed Co-operative Association and several church groups.

The Women's Councils, International Workers' Order branches, Communist Party and other working class groups are cooperating.

A farewell party for the Paris delegate is already arranged for July 8, prior to the departure on August 18th.

## Utah Miners

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International Labor Defense started to speak and as she stood there addressing the crowd, deputies stood on either side with their blackjacks raised over her head, each waiting for the other to hit her first. As this moment, as Mayor Gianotti rushed in calling out "Stop her!" Garvolis drew his gun and aimed. Screaming workers rushed in to protect her and Garvolis' gun was knocked from his hand.

The fire department was called and turned the hose on the workers. Grabbing the ILD secretary, Mayor Gianotti held her in front of the stream while he kneeled down to avoid the drenching she got. A worker trying to protect her was arrested, and for no other reason that this, Gianotti, later admitted.

But even in face of this attack the workers held their lines, after the fire department left, they all went to the City Hall, demanded the freedom of their three arrested comrades, and stayed till they got them.

A further indication of the terrorism which the companies and their officials use against the miners and their families here is evident in the following notice, which appeared in the "Helper Journal" on June 9th:

"Public Notice.—A list of all Communists may be had from any member of the vigilante committee."

## Free Thaelmann

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ence called by the American League Against War and Fascism. The conference laid out an immediate program demanding the freedom of Thaelmann.

Plans to be immediately put into effect in the fight to free Thaelmann include endless chain of phone calls to be made on the German Consul, whose number in Los Angeles is VA 5865, demanding Thaelmann's release, the throwing of pickets with placards around the Consulate, and mass circulation of "Free Thaelmann" postcards. All organizations and individuals are urged to aid this fight by getting in touch with the American League Against War and Fascism, Room 265, Douglass Building, 3rd and Spring Streets, Los Angeles.

The entire body unanimously voted to act as a City Committee until Friday, July 15th, when an enlarged conference will be held to plan the program for August 1st.

### S. F. Fight Grows

In San Francisco the picketing of the German Consulate continues without break, while telephone blockades is growing stronger.

But the campaign must be increased to even higher levels. All sympathetic workers are urged immediately to report to the International Labor Defense, 121 Haight St., for duty in this campaign, and to phone the Consul demanding the freedom of this leader of the German working class and get five other friends to do the same, they in turn to build the chain by getting five more. All unions and other organizations are urged immediately to send delegations and resolutions to the Consul.

THEY WANT THE LONGSHOREMEN TO LOSE

They do not want the longshoremen to win! They know that a victory for the longshoremen will encourage the membership of all unions to follow the example of the longshoremen—take rank and file control, and follow a fighting policy.

Scharrenberg and Larson of the seamen have been doing everything in their power right in their own International Seamen's Union, to still the voice of the rank and file. Since the last seamen's meeting, when over 1000 repudiated their splitting policy, they have decided not to call any more mass meetings. Scharrenberg, as for the longshoremen, wants the Fink Hall to stay.

The longshoremen have learned that Communists in their ranks are among the best fighters in the interest of the workers. They know that while the Labor Council and the State Federation of Labor have been scheming on how to break the strike, the Communist Party and the organizations it influences have been working night and day to rally every possible support to the strikers. They know that the Marine Workers Industrial Union was the first to call the seamen out, and that only because of the fine response it received, were the ISU officials forced to also agree to a strike.

WORKERS! TRADE UNIONISTS! THE MARINE STRIKE TEACHES YOU WHO ARE YOUR FRIENDS OR ENEMIES. SUCH AS SCHARRENBERG AND O'CONNELL ARE YOUR WORST ENEMIES!

DRIVE THEM OUT AS THE LONGSHOREMEN DID TO RYAN.

FIGHT FOR RANK AND FILE CONTROL IN ALL THE UNIONS!

## Hudson Tour

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ence of the MWIU has launched an attack against it. Hudson will answer all questions pertaining to the policies of the union and will answer the standards of Scharrenberg, O'Connell, and the CLU.

The schedule of the meetings is as follows, and the hall will be in the following issues of the Western Worker.

SAN FRANCISCO—Eagles Hall, July 6th.

Oakland—July 7th.

Sacramento—July 8, 2 P. M.

Stockton—July 9.

San Pedro and Los Angeles—July 10-12.

San Diego—July 13.

## INTERNATIONAL LABOR DEFENSE

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At the Auditorium meeting in

which there were thousands of

members of unions not affected

by the strike, the sentiment for

a general strike was unanimous.

Despite repeated demands at

membership meetings and mass

meeting of the ISU (AF of L)

seamen that there be unity with

the Marine Workers Industrial

Union, the officials closely guided

by Paul Scharrenberg, refuse

to abide by the instructions. In

stead they even refuse to call

open meetings of striking sea

men. It was the officials of these

unions who introduced the anti

resolution in the Labor Coun

cil.

SAN FRANCISCO LONGSHOREMEN

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on the rank and file in the

unions. They want a strike as

was so clearly shown in the Aud

itorium mass meeting.

The Communist Party calls on

all its members in the unions to

fight with all their might for

a general strike.

SAN FRANCISCO, June 25.—

An order to the state militia to

be ready for strike duty; threat

of the Industrial Assn. to open

the port of San Francisco by

force; bigger picket line than any

time during the strike; more

unions joining in favor of a gen

eral strike; Seattle Alaska ships

again struck; a complete tieup

along the entire coast with the

stevedores pat on the hiring hall

demands; is a summary of the

situation as the marine strike is

about to enter in its eighth week.

The strike committee in the

## Editorial Column

## HOW TO COUNTER LEGION DRIVE

Headed by prominent business men, and politicians, the California American Legion launched a campaign to spread their poison which they call an anti-red drive.

No intelligent person will fail to recognize this as part of the organized drive especially against the militant strikers. The furthest these people could go in their drive is to mobilize their immediate relatives, business people, and government job holders who are members of the Legion. These workers are either on strike, relief, or are subject to all the mistreatment of a factory worker. THEY HAVE NO REASON FOR SUPPORTING SUCH A DRIVE. IN INCREASING NUMBER THEY HOPE THE RED MOVEMENT WILL GROW.

But how should the Legion poison attack be answered?

A wider spreading of Communist teachings than ever. Thousands upon thousands want to know what the Communists stand for. DO WE NEED ANY FURTHER PROOF THAN THE FACT THAT THE SALES OF "WHY COMMUNISM?" THE POPULAR PAMPHLET ON COMMUNIST PRINCIPLES, HAVE REACHED 30,000 COPIES ON THE COAST WITHIN THREE MONTHS?

The Party will issue a West Coast edition of the Manifesto issued by our recent Party Convention, to the workers and farmers of the U. S. It is a direct answer to the attacks of the reactionaries. It explains what the Communists want to establish in the U. S. and how. Every reader of the Western Worker should order a bundle and give them out among friends. Several hundred thousand of these folders placed in the hands of workers and farmers, will turn the anti-red drive into a drive against the fascist Legion heads.

COUNTER THE LEGION DRIVE WITH A MASS EDUCATIONAL CAMPAIGN! A QUARTER MILLION MANIFESTOS GIVEN OUT FREE! A MASS CIRCULATION FOR THE WESTERN WORKER!

## FREEDOM OF PRESS IN CALIFORNIA

During the past few weeks, many Western Worker sellers have been arrested in San Francisco. M. Buisson and S. Ginsberg have served 10 day sentences for selling on the water front. Others arrested have been held for \$1000 on vagrancy charges, and after being bailed out, dismissed, in the meantime having been kept in jail, and from selling the Western Worker.

This is not only the case in San Francisco, but common practice in all parts of California. Yet we are supposed to have freedom of the press in the U. S. Yes, as yet formally the Western Worker is permitted to appear, BUT WHEN IT COMES TO GETTING IT IN THE HANDS OF ITS READERS IS WHEN THE DICTATORSHIP OF THE CAPITALIST CLASS SHOWS ITS TRUE NATURE.

After all, the Western Worker is the only Communist paper in California in opposition to a powerful capitalist press, with hundreds of thousands of circulation for each. But the capitalists know the powerful influence this little paper can wield, especially when they see the strikers accepting it as their voice.

This attempt to stifle our press will be answered in a manner that will expose to every person in California the sham character of this freedom. EVERY NEWSBOY arrested will demand a jury trial. The issue will be popularized as have the trials of strike leaders. These workers who take the paper to the workers are carrying through one of the most essential tasks in the revolutionary movement.

The defense of our Western Worker sellers is becoming an increasingly important task, especially IN VIEW OF THE FACT THAT THE PAPER IS TO APPEAR TWICE WEEKLY BEGINNING AUGUST FIRST. Together with its appearance as a semi-weekly must go the drive to place it in the hands of the masses—on every stand, at factory gates, in unions, organizations, and every place where workers congregate.

ARE YOU DOING YOUR SHARE TO MAKE THIS POSSIBLE?

## Iron Workers For A General Strike; Read W. Worker

Tokio Slanders  
Soviet Consul in S. F., Galkovich

SAN FRANCISCO, June 23.—At the last meeting of the Ornamental Architectural, Bronze and Iron Workers Union, approved the motion of its executive board in support of the waterfront strikers.

At first a motion to come out when the Building Trades Council calls it, was made, but when a worker pointed out that the Central Labor Council of the AFL most likely may not sanction the general strike, a motion was passed by 104 to 4 that they come on strike when the Strike Committee of the longshoremen calls upon them to do so.

In the discussion on the floor it was quite clear that the workers feel that the waterfront strike is theirs, and a victory of that strike will give a tremendous impetus to organized labor.

As it was decided that the union donate \$25.00 to the strikers.

This action followed shortly after George Morris, editor of the Western Worker, spoke before the local on the role of the capitalist press especially in the marine workers strike, and told them of the way the Western Worker is helping the strikers, nailing all the lies. He also told them of the splendid fight on the waterfront and what it means to all labor.

Immediately after, President Sanders, who unlike most other local union chairmen, is progressive minded, urged the members to read the workers side of the story in the Western Worker and to set an example to the local promptly asked that 100 copies be given out among the members in the meeting, and paid out of his pocket for them.

An example of the spirit of the members can be gotten from the fact that, at the same meeting, a motion was passed that a literature agent be appointed for

## THE S. F. RANK AND FILE SPEAKS

By GEORGE MORRIS

It was the voice of the rank and file in the San Francisco unions bursting out in full force, at the auditorium, on Tuesday, June 19. Called under the auspices of the Joint Strike Committee, with only two days time for arrangements, everyone of the 15,000 seats was taken, and several thousand stood where they could find a place.

Only about 40% of the audience were strikers. The rest were there because they see this strike as their. Thousands of trade union members whose voice for many years has been choked by their misleaders—the Scharrenbergs, O'Connells, Caseys and such—came there to cheer for a general strike and to back the marine workers. The spirit and enthusiasm at that meeting can hardly find a parallel in San Francisco history.

Of particular significance is the fact that the meeting followed closely after the stevedores of S. F. unanimously rejected Ryan's sell-out agreement and kicked him out of the situation.

No one missed the Ryans, the Lewises, the Larsons, or the Scharrenbergs. The name of these people was only a signal for a thunderous boo. But "Hurray for Bridges" resounded throughout the hall.

Before the speaking, as many were still pouring into the hall, the workers seem to be practicing up. Such songs as "We'll Hang Scabby Peterson to a Sour Apple Tree" and the same to Ryan, seemed to have caught the spirit of the audience.

## Schmidt Speaks

With O'Grady of the Masters, Mates and Pilots in the chair, Henry Schmidt of the stevedores strike committee and who had just returned from the Northwest, was introduced. After explaining what a hiring hall means to a stevedore, he told of the splendid solidarity in the Northwestern ports, where he had gone to scotch Ryan's and the district officials, efforts to force through split agreements. To the threats of the Chamber of Commerce to open the port he answered "That they could only open port bottles."

Schmidt was followed by Stern of the Firemen, who told the crowd that there isn't a man in any of the engine rooms. His speech was little more than a short greeting, but he aroused a thunder of cheers and applause as he finished up with a motion demanding that a strike of all eastern ports be called.

At this point the chairman of the strike committee, Harry Bridges was introduced. Bridges, who was so unfortunate as to be born in Australia, was the chief target of the capitalist press, who had him down as a "dangerous alien radical." How much the workers believe in the lying press was evident as the crowd rose to its feet, cheering and throwing hats up in the air.

That was positively the top applause of the evening. Bridges, as only a longshoreman who experiences the conditions on the docks could vividly picture the life of a longshoreman, the history of the unions effort to establish human working conditions, and why the workers strike. He was continually supported from the crowd with such remarks "That's no lie," "Damn right," "You tell 'em, Harry."

Nailing the high wage myth and showing how the work of the stevedore has become harder, Bridges said the following:

"Men have dropped dead from exhaustion. Stevedores are paid by the hour. Every minute is checked on him. Every minute counts. From the time you go to work in the morning until evening you are driven like a slave."

"If you try to get yourself insured every company will refuse you. Physical strain is too much. Life is too uncertain. You have no chance of living as long as people of other walks of life. Speed-up of production—the loads that we have to sling out of the ships make it too dangerous. And all these evils center around one thing—fear of losing your job."

Referring to conditions under the "Blue Book" company union he said:

"Stevedores have to wait on the sidewalks for hours for something to do. Working is mad enough, but to have to pay for the privilege of performing such work! Lots of things you have to do for the boss (hiring boss). Take him into a saloon and buy him drinks. Take a trip to the boss's house and help him paint his house. Of course I don't refer to all of them."

## The "Guest of Honor"

Bridges' concluding remarks were interrupted by a loud boo. The boozing became louder than

## "The Younger Generation Is Running This Strike"—Ryan



ever, as Mayor Rossi, escorted by a bodyguard with a uniformed policeman in front, were recognized coming down the center aisle. Some recognized the mayor but no one missed the cop. Few liked either. But as the audience became conscious of who the guest really was the jeering, shouting and bronx cheers from all sides literally shook the hall.

The mayor tried hard to smile, and felt so much out of place! But he was given a front seat on the platform, and Chairman O'Grady explained that the mayor was invited by the strike committee and had the "courage to come anyway." It certainly took courage.

"We are not going to work until there is a joint settlement of all the unions on strike."

"The shipowners along with the Chamber of Commerce and the 'friendly police' (turning to Rossi) have united to break this strike, but they can never load their ships with tear gas and clubs."

"June 17th (when agreement was rejected) will be a memorable day, the day when the trade union bureaucrats were told that they cannot hoodwink the rank and file."

"Workers of San Francisco are ready to come out on a general strike, therefore all organized and unorganized carry this into the unions."

Every one of these statements seemed to have hit the crowd in the right spot.

When he concluded the mayor thought it was time to go to bed. So amidst a final chorus of boos and Bronx cheers, with the bodyguard at his side, he marched out. Most of those who accompanied him, who crowded near the press table, agreed that the mayor "didn't go over so good."

## Caves of I. S. U.

The next was Caves, the chairman of the strike committee of the International Seamen's Union. He seemed to be the word the crowd was waiting for. This just about finished the mayor with even the few who took him seriously. For several minutes all he did was stand on the platform and hear the workers tell him about his police on the waterfront, and who really wants bullets. The mayor tried a little campaigning for the AFL, for the Federal government, but was a dismal failure. When he finished the jeers were louder than at the start.

Few of those workers ever heard a Communist lecture on the role of the capitalist state and told how at the first meeting called by the auxiliary there were at least 32 mounted cops to "protect them." When she mentioned that there is a likelihood of the striking longshoremen being thrown out of relief a loud chorus "let them try it" was the answer.

Mrs. Mallen, of the Women's Auxiliary, expressed the solidarity of the wives behind the fight, and told how at the first meeting called by the auxiliary there were at least 32 mounted cops to "protect them."

## The Younger Generation

Rossi's conclusion left the stage open for the most dramatic moment of the evening. The crowd felt it was coming. They showed it when O'Grady introduced John Shoemaker, of the stevedore's strike committee and who was arrested and beaten unmercifully by mounted cops when he led a picket line. In a snappy talk, each statement followed by a volley of cheers, he seemed to express just what the whole crowd wanted to say.

"Ryan said he would leave this strike in the hands of the younger generation. He did not have to. The younger generation took it away from Mr. Ryan." Being the youngest of the strike leaders, and as big and full of vigor as anyone in the hall, such statement came from him quite fittingly.

"In San Francisco, 3,000 members of the ILA answered Mr. Ryan by voicing unanimously that they will not accept his agreement. Those were voices of the ILA strike committee. He refused the charges that white longshoremen would not work along side of Negroes, and stated that many Negro longshoremen are in the union and will stick to the very end. He took that opportunity to tell this audience, so representative of San Francisco labor, that every union should organize the black worker. He was received very warmly.

## Jackson of MWIU

One of the speakers was originally not on the list. But the great demand forced his introduction. This was Harry Jackson of the Marine Workers Industrial Union. The officials of the ISU swore that if the MWIU is included in the joint strike committee they will withdraw. They would not consent to having a representative on the platform. But the rank and file rode over the officials like a caterpillar tank.

Jackson was received with a thunderous applause. His speech was an appeal for complete unity and for continuance of the same militant spirit which has existed throughout the strike.

With three thunderous cheers for a general strike the great meeting adjourned.

When the San Francisco Central Labor Council held its next meeting the main point on the order of business was to adopt a resolution against Communists and the auditorium meeting was given as the example of "demoralizing the strikers." What they really mean is that this meeting has opened up a new page in the development of the trade union movement of San Francisco. It sounded the call to the mass of workers in the city to follow the example of the longshoremen who threw out Ryan, to do likewise to the O'Connells, Vandeleurs, Caseys, Scharrenbergs, and the rest. That's what the CLC is alarmed of.

The spirit of the meeting showed why the marine workers have not been defeated after seven weeks of striking, and it is that same spirit which will give birth to a new militant, rank and file controlled unionism.

## RED RIMES

By HENRY GEORGE WEISS

There ain't no need for poverty nor children lackin' bread. In Russia there is plenty for the working class to eat. It's our millionaires who rob us of a roof above our head, and who plow up all our cotton and who corner all our wheat. When we do as Russian workers, and get rid of all our czars, our Morgans and our Vanderbilts, our Fords and all the rest, we won't walk and starve and hunger when there's food and motor cars.

Greetings from other striking unions followed, and with the exception of two carried the same militant tone. The two were the representative of the Machinists union and international vice president, who only indulged in high sounding, meaningless phrase mongering, typical of a laborкат in such situation. The other was Finnigan, who, being a director board member of the ILA was greeted by boos. He, wisely however, confined himself to only the clerks whom he represented. An amusing incident was when O'Grady introduced the representative of the Marine Cooks, he had to apologize for his name. The cook's name was

## A PEEP THROUGH SINCLAIR'S MAIL

By IRVING KREITZBERG

City Hall, Los Angeles.

Dear Sinnie:

I'm sure glad you're running. Before election I promised to end police terror, dissolve the Red Squad and give labor and the unemployed of Los Angeles a new deal. Now I'm in trouble. Between these jobless demonstrations and striking longshoremen, I've been forced to use more cops than ever, and my administration is losing face. I'm positive it's another red plot. With you as governor to sort of smooth things over with your radical sounding talk, the day will be saved.

F. L. Raw, Mayor of Los Angeles.

The Shoddy Pants and Suit Co.

Dear Mr. Upton Sinclair:

Your recent quick change from the Socialist to the Democratic Party has so inspired our designer, Mr. Wiffinpoof, that he has created a new style jacket. One side is pink, the other yellow, and it can be worn on either side, as the occasion demands. On the pink pockets are embroidered torches, on the yellow a jackass, while on the lapel, close to the heart, there is a blue buzzard, bearing in its claws a swastika. We are naming it the Epic Turncoat in your honor.

I. Sweatem.

Hades On the Styx.

Dear Uppie:

It's hell down here, but it's nothing compared with what's going to break out in California when the rabble gets wise to you. I've left the militia in good shape for you, in case you're elected. You'll probably need it.

"Sunny Jim" Golph.

Wall St., New York.

My dear brother-in-arms:

Now that we both belong to the Democratic party, I wish to unbend my wearied heart to you. To keep them in their places, and divided from the public offices. We've never taken your socialist pranks seriously and know you are dependable in a crisis. The NRA maneuvered through by Frankie, has proved quite a boon for me. Clever boy, Frankie! If you keep your nose clean and never forget who

the real boss is, you can go way up like Frankie, too. You will receive a substantial check for your campaign fund through the regular channels.

J. P. Hogan.

Atlanta Penitentiary.

I think your little racket is the berries. How about a partnership? I expect to get out of stir soon and I'm in line for a new layout. I'll show you how to really make it big. With your political ability and my mob, we'll make even Dillinger look sick.

Scarface Al Yapone.

Imperial Valley, Cal.

Dear Mr. Sinclair:

"We're rooting for you. Despite the gallant efforts of the Mexican Consul, AF of L leaders, vigilantes, fake unions and priests, the pickers are still restless and joining that red Industrial Union. Glassford is helpless and thoroughly exposed.

New strikes are threatening. We've got to stifle them, somehow. With your reputation, we think you'd make a fine mediator. Anyway, as governor, you'd be in command of the National Guard, should we need them.

Imperial Valley Growers Ass'n.

Europe.

Dearest Comrade Sinclair:

We, the undersigned, have all done our bit paving the way toward fascism. Some of us have even become its leaders. We were Socialists once, too, you know. We are glad that you are imitating us. You're a man after our own hearts.

Signed, Benito Mussolini, Severino